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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-7458

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

versus

KEVIN ADRIAN COX, a/k/a Roundman, a/k/a Fatboy,

Defendant - Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, at Greenbelt. Peter J. Messitte, District Judge. (CR-94-454-PJM, CA-00-2984-PJM)

Submitted: March 6, 2003 Decided: March 13, 2003

Before WILKINSON, MICHAEL, and KING, Circuit Judges.

Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Kevin Cox, Appellant Pro Se. Stuart A. Berman, Assistant United States Attorney, Greenbelt, Maryland, for Appellee.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit. See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Kevin Adrian Cox seeks to appeal the district court's order denying relief on his motion filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (2000). We have independently reviewed the record and conclude that Cox has not made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. See Miller-El v. Cockrell, ____ U.S. ____, 2003 WL 431659 (U.S. Feb. 25, 2003) (No. 01-7662), at *10. In addition, we decline to address issues raised for the first time on appeal. See Muth v. United States, 1 F.3d 246, 250 (4th Cir. 1993). Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c) (2000). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED